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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Appearance Before the Senate Appropriations Committee

1. The full Senate Appropriations Committee met in executive session on 26 February 1958 to consider a Department of Commerce request for supplemental appropriation of \$300,000 to finance the establishment of a clearing house for translations of technical literature. The request had been denied in the House. Commerce had requested that CIA representatives assist to the extent of being available for questioning. Senator Hayden, at an informal discussion, had specifically requested that CIA representatives be present.

2. Individuals present from Commerce included Assistant Secretary Mueller for Domestic Affairs, Assistant Secretary Moore for Administration, John Green, Director of the Office of Technical Services and Mr. Neilson, Budget Officer for Commerce. [] and John Warner were present for CIA. Senator Hayden presided as Chairman and those present included Senators Holland, Ellender, Knowland, Dirksen, Thyne, Margaret Chase Smith, Dworshak, and Robertson.

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3. The hearing was somewhat rocky for the Commerce representatives in that certain of the Senators did not feel that they had marshaled their facts in a clear and concise presentation. In fact Senator Holland who is Chairman of the Commerce Subcommittee was considerably disturbed at the extent to which Commerce had gone in coordinating the matter throughout Government and with universities and industry without advising him of the activity particularly in view of his previous request to the Secretary of Commerce that he be advised of new activity

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in pursuit of his view that supplemental appropriation requests should be avoided as much as possible. Senator Holland commented specifically on the poor quality of the presentation. In my opinion, this was an excellent lesson in how not to make an appearance before a Congressional Committee and how not to conduct Congressional relations.

4. The questions directed to the Agency were generally pertinent to Agency responsibilities. [redacted] was able to supply the necessary information. Upon review of the transcript it has been determined that there was no classified information concerning CIA and Commerce officials have been so advised and they in turn will notify the Committee staff.

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